

# KRS-One Lyrics

## "Preserve The Kulture"

*[audience clapping, beat starts]*

We've been having these gatherings for over 12 years  
Uhh, my first one, was ah at Latin Quarters in 1987  
with Afrika Bambaataa - he threw the first one, that I attended  
We kept the tradition going through the Stop the Violence Movement  
Through Human Education Against Lies, Rhythm Cultural Institute  
And now the Temple of Hip-Hop  
This is Hip-Hop's spiritual base  
And as a spiritual base, we look to guide the youth in that discipline  
Uhh, no culture is a culture, unless it has principles  
unless it has morals, unless - we are unified  
in some sort of principle, something we are not going to step beyond  
Something that defines us  
What I'd like to do, is just for a moment as we.. deal with this  
Think about your role in Hip-Hop  
Think about what you do everyday in Hip-Hop  
This is not about right now  
It's about twenty years from now  
It's about ten years from now  
The tapes are rolling, the notes are being taken  
This is the type of thinking we have to get into  
if this is going to survive and last  
So again, Hip-Hop Appreciation Week, is a time of self-reflection  
A time for Hip-Hoppers to ask,  
"What am I doing, to preserve the culture?" *[echoes]*